



Report to: Cabinet, 21st March 2017

Report of: Chairman of Scrutiny Committee

Subject: SCRUTINY REVIEW – STREET CLEANSING STANDARDS

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Cabinet consider the report and recommendations of the Review Group.

2. Background

2.1 The purpose of the review was to help inform policy development and future decision making by the Council regarding street cleansing standards in Worcester City.

2.2 The Review Group members were:

- Councillor James Stanley - Chair
- Councillor Elaine Williams
- Councillor Matt Lamb
- Councillor Andy Roberts

2.3 Scrutiny Committee met on 8th March 2017 and considered the report of the Review Group (**Appendix 1**). The Committee agreed the recommendations as set out in the report plus two additional recommendations. The recommendations are:

- Explore working in partnership with businesses to reduce the impact of waste on the city.
- Explore working in partnership with the University and HOW College to jointly run education and behavioural change campaigns to engage young people in keeping Worcester clean and well kept.
- Explore behavioural change campaigns that focus on the allocation of bins, specific bin types and deterring seagulls.
- Review the use of licensing and planning to enforce.
- Use social media and technology to help encourage the reporting and locating of waste and fly tipping.
- Use the data defining standards collected prior to the scrutiny as a benchmark by which to measure the effects of current changes to Cleaner and Greener and Community Engagement services.
- Ensures that any change in the way information about standards is collected does not prejudice the ability to measure trends.
- Explore the use of new technology to improve efficiency or reduce the need for waste collection.
- If there is proactive cleaning in particular areas this should not be detrimental to maintaining standards elsewhere across the city.

2.4 The Committee also recommended that it would be appropriate for Environment Committee to consider the report and recommendations.

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Background Papers: Scrutiny Committee Agenda 8th March 2017